

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) ~~A lost motion basket housing for use in a basket assembly in a~~ railroad switch comprising:

a lost motion basket housing having an opening in said housing, said opening travelling laterally through said housing for allowing partial unimpeded lateral displacement of a rod or bar therethrough;

at least one abutment in said opening for limiting lateral displacement through said opening of a surface associated with said rod or bar; and,

means for rotatably retaining an arm associated with said housing.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The railroad switch ~~lost motion basket housing~~ of claim 1, said housing further comprising a head portion and a lower portion, said means for rotatably retaining an arm being located on said head portion.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The railroad switch ~~lost motion basket housing~~ of claim 2 wherein said means for rotatably retaining an arm comprises a bore in said head portion, said bore being transverse in relation to said opening and being adapted to receive a pin for rotation in said bore and for connection to said arm.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The railroad switch ~~lost motion basket~~ housing of claim 3 wherein said lower portion comprises means for securing a rod to said housing.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A ~~lost motion basket assembly for use in a~~ railroad switch, comprising:

a lost motion basket housing having an opening travelling laterally therethrough for allowing ~~partial~~ unimpeded lateral displacement of a rod or bar therethrough along an opening axis, at least one abutment in said opening for limiting lateral displacement through said opening of a surface associated with said rod or bar member and a head portion, and a bore in said head portion, said bore having an axis that is transverse to said opening axis, said bore receiving a pin for rotation therein.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The railroad switch ~~lost motion basket~~ assembly of claim 5 further comprising at least one torsion arm retained on said pin.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The railroad switch ~~lost motion basket~~ assembly of claim 6 wherein said torsion arm comprises an elongated slot and one end of said pin extends through said elongated slot.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The railroad switch ~~lost motion basket~~ assembly of claims 5, 6, or 7 further comprising attachment points on said housing for securing a switch rod assembly thereto.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The railroad switch ~~lost motion basket~~ assembly of claim 6 or 7 wherein one end of said torsion arm is rigidly secured to an assist rod.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) A basket assembly for use in a railroad switch comprising:

a sliding element having an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough; and,
at least one arm rotatably mounted on said sliding element.

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) The basket assembly of claim 10 wherein said at least one arm comprises a pair of opposed arms.

Claim 12. (Withdrawn) The basket assembly of claim 11 wherein each of said opposed arms is rigidly secured to an assist rod.

Claim 13. (Withdrawn) The basket assembly of claims 10 or 11 wherein said rod or bar is hinged to a switch rod.

Claim 14. (Withdrawn) A basket assembly for use in a railroad switch comprising:

a sliding element having an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough; and,
a pair of pins extending from opposed sides of said sliding element.

Claim 15. (Withdrawn) The basket assembly of claim 14 further comprising a pair of arms, each of said arms being mounted for rotation of one of said pins.

Claim 16. (Withdrawn) The basket assembly of claim 15 wherein said arms are rigidly connected to an assist rod.